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SUBJ: JNA DELGATION VISIT TO PRC

1. THE WEST GERMAN MILITARY ATTACHE CITING A CHINESE EMBASSY SOURCE TOLD US THAT SEPARATE YUGOSLAV DELEGATIONS NOW VISITING PRC, AND MONGOLIA AND SOVIET UNION LEFT BELGRADE AIRPORT OCT 22 AT SAME TIME. AMUSING SCENE ENSUED AS CHINESE AND SOVIET EMBASSY REPS BUMPED INTO EACH OTHER SEEING OFF DELEGATIONS.

2. CHINESE SOURCE SAID VISIT OF YUGOSLAV ARMY (JNA) DELEGATION HEADED BY COS COL GEN BRANISLAV JOKOSOVIC WAS ARRANGED LAST YEAR DURING VISIT TO YUGOSLAVIA BY HIGH LEVEL CHINESE MILITARY MEDICAL DELEGATION. AT THAT TIME THE LEVEL OF THE YUGOSLAV RETURN VISIT WAS DECIDED UPON AND THE CHINESE LEFT IT UP TO THE YUGOSLAVS TO PICK A SUITABLE TIME.THEY RECENTLY SETTLED ON PRESENT TIME FRAME WHICH CLOSELY FOLLOWS DISCOVERY OF PRO-SOVIET CONSPIRACY IN YUGOSLAVIA AND AUGMENTS OTHER INDICATIONS OF A WARMING TREND IN SINO-YUGOSLAV RELATIONS.

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3. SOURCE ALSO REVEALED THAT A CHINESE DELEGATION
RECENTLY TRANSITTED BELGRADE AIRPORT EN ROUTE
TO BUCHAREST. DURING LAYOVER YUGOSLAVS CONDUCTED TALKS
WITH THEM AT AIRPORT FOR SEVERAL HOURS.

4. THE YUGOSLAV DELEGATION VISITING MONGOLIA
AND SOVIET UNION IS A GROUP FROM VETERANS ORGANIZATION
(SUBNOR) LED BY KOSTA NADJ, WHO, WHILE STILL ACTIVE
MILITARY OFFICER HEADED THE LAST JNA DELEGATION TO
CHINA IN 1955.
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